

## Now, Most of the Time

Now,  
most of the time,  
he spends, they say,  
in far-off recollections

of long-ago encounters  
with dolls  
of divers  
charms.

Embroidering  
those moments  
that lacked the  
needed spark

while carefully  
omitting the  
vast number of  
fiascos.

## How It Added Up

Putting two  
and two together  
not to mention a few lost chords,  
we came to the sad conclusion  
an elephant never forgets.

Which wasn't at all,  
let's face it,  
what the dear old doctor  
had ordered.

Nor for that matter  
a reason for Pan  
being a wolf  
in goat's clothing.

-- Charles Shaw

New York, New York

## Play the Critics Away

Little red wagon

Wheels his little red wagon  
Round Times Square

Peddling Show Business

To the news-stands,

Wheels red-past theater marquees,  
Past rave reviews,

LAST FIVE PERFORMANCES SRO

Bearded six feet four of him  
Humped to kid's handle

Wheels past actors making the rounds,  
Actor out of work says the news-dealer,

Show Biz uses out-of-work actors

Whenever it can,

Voice of actor calls delivery,

He makes a production of hurtling paper stacks  
Pistol shot,

Startling the pigeons about Times Square